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Sir:

**LETTER REQUESTING ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF CERTIFIED COPY
OF FOREIGN PRIORITY APPLICATION**

Applicant is in receipt of the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability dated April 27, 2005.

Applicant has claimed priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-186531 filed on June 21, 2000. The certified copy of the Japanese Patent application was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 9, 2001. The Examiner has not acknowledged the receipt of the certified copy of the Japanese priority document.

We have attached a copy of the first page of the certified copy of the Japanese Patent Application retrieved from PAIR at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office website

which has been date-stamped by the Office. This paper corroborates that a certified copy of the Japanese Patent Application was indeed filed in the patent application on October 9, 2001.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to issue a Supplemental Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37) acknowledging receipt the certified copy.

As clearly shown by the record, this oversight occurred through the fault of the Patent Office. Accordingly, we request that the Patent Office provide Acknowledgement without loss of any Patent Term Adjustment as a result of filing this Letter Requesting Acknowledgement of Receipt of Certified Copy of Foreign Priority Application and that the Patent Term Adjustment of 325 days remain unchanged.

Respectfully submitted,

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